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National Energy Board
444 7th Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 0X8

Attention: Sheri Young, Secretary of the Board

Dear Ms. Young:

**RE: Enbridge Pipelines Inc. ("Enbridge") Application for the Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project ("Project")
National Energy Board ("Board") File: OF- Fac-Oil-E101-2012-10 01
Hearing Order: OH-002-2013
Suggested Amendment to the NEB List of Issues ("List of Issues")**

This letter is submitted on behalf of the City of Hamilton ("City"), in response to the issues identified by the Board for the Project, attached as Appendix I to the above-referenced Hearing Order.

The City shares the concerns expressed by other municipalities with respect to the Project, and requests confirmation from the Board that the following concerns will be addressed as part of the Board's examination of the broader issues contained in the List of Issues:

- The adequacy of Enbridge's emergency response measures, including but not limited, to training of local first responders, and specifics on how Enbridge will deal with diluted bitumen in the case of a spill;
- The corrosivity of dilbit as compared to conventional crude and what effect this will have on corrosion within the pipeline; and
- Assurance from Enbridge regarding financial responsibility for costs related to emergency response, clean-ups and other required action in the event of a spill.

If the Board determines that one or more of the above is not captured by the List of Issues, the City requests that the List of Issues be amended to ensure adequate consideration of all of the above municipal concerns.

The City also requests that the List of Issues be amended to include the following:

- Consultation with local Source Water Protection staff, including the Hamilton Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton, and City of Hamilton staff regarding the identification of potential threats to drinking water quality and how Enbridge plans to address any malfunctions of the pipeline or spills that threaten drinking water safety; and
- The need for pipeline isolation valves to be installed where the pipeline crosses the Sheffield-Rockton Complex and other provincially-significant wetlands and environmentally-sensitive areas.

All of the above issues relate in some way to the environmental and financial well-being of the municipality, as well as the health, safety and well-being of its inhabitants, and consequently should be examined as part of the Board's review and consideration of the Project.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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